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SUBJECT: 29TH SESSION SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES 12 AUG - 1 SPET

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS - 31 AUG. AGENDA ITEM 11 (DOC. E/CN.4/SUB 2/L.648).

1. MAJOR OBJECTIONS TO THIS DRAFT RES (VOICED MAINLY BY SMIRNOV) WAS ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW INFORMATION RELATING TO DETAINEES. SMIRNOV INSISTED THAT WITH NEW COVENANTS IN FORCE THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING PROBLEM OF DETENTION. VAN BOVEN DEFENDED RES, WITH THE AID OF SEVERAL MEMBERS, ON GROUNDS THAT WITH INCREASINGLY HEAVY AGENDA SC COULD NOT, DURING ITS SESSION, REVIEW BACKGROUND AS WELL AS WORKING DOCUMENTS.

2. IN SEPARATE VOTE TO DELETE OP PARA 1 (ESTABLISHMENT OF WG), SOVIET MEMBER LOST 14 (US) - 1 (USSR) - 3. SUB-COMMISSION ADOPTED TOTAL RES 14(US) - 0 - 31.

3. AGENDA ITEM 11(DOC. E/CN.4/SUB. 2/L.650). RES ADOPTED WITH MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES. IT REQUESTS AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO END HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CHILE; REQUESTS HRC TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO CHILE SECRET

POLICE AND REQUESTS ASSISTANCE TO THE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

4. CAICEDO PERDOMO (COLOMBIA) NOTING NO BASIC CHANGE IN CHILE BETWEEN 1975-76 IN SPITE OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE, SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT RES. HE CONSIDERED REFUSAL TO PERMIT AD HOC WORKING GROUP ENTRY INTO CHILE A FUNDAMENTAL ERROR BY GOC. MEMBER RECOMMENDED DELETION OF OP PARA 4 BECAUSE SECRET POLICE ACTIVITIES COVERED IN ANOTHER RES (DOC. E/CN.4/SUB 2/L.648). HE ALSO SUGGESTED DELETION OF OP PARA 5 AS A RATHER REMANTIC NOTION, NOTING IMPOSSIBILITY OF SOME MEMBER STATES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PRISONERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

5. ORTIZ MARIN AGAIN DEFENDING LATIN AMERICA CONTENTED THAT CHILE SITUATION COULD HAPPEN IN ANY COUNTRY FOR THIS REASON HE WOULD ABSTAIN ON RES. (WHEN VOTE WAS TAKEN ORTIZ MARTIN VOTED AGAINST RES.)

6. CAREY (US) SUGGESTED A REVIEW OF PAST UN ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO MEASURES WHERE SUPPORT TO PRISONERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS MIGHT BE RENDERED.

7. CHILE OBSERVER REGRETTED TERMS IN WHICH RES WAS COUCHED AND CALLED IT AN INJUSTICE BECAUSE IT IGNORES CHANGES BETWEEN 1975-1976 BY COG; IGNORES REDUCTION OF STATE OF SEIGE AND DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HRC RES ON ISSUE. FINALLY DOCUMENT IGNORES FACT THAT WORKING GROUP (WG) IS CURRENTLY MEETING WITH GOC REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA AND HAS OFFERED TO PERMIT TWO OF WG TO VISIT CHILE IN JANUARY 1977.

8. VOTE TO DELETE OP PARAS 4 AND 5 WERE DEFEATED 1 (COLOMBIA) - 11 (US) - 4. TOTAL RES ADOPTED 15 (US) - 2 (COSTA RICA), NICARAGUA) - 0.

9. AGENDA ITEM 5(DOC. E/CN.4/SUB. 2/L.645). THE UPDATED SANTA CRUZ REPORT WAS ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO AMENDMENTS.

10. AGENDA ITEM 10 (DOC. E/CN.4/SUB.2/L.651) ON QUESTION OF SLAVERY WAS ADOPTED FOLLOWING EDITORIAL CHANGES. UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS RES. WORKING GROUP WILL NOW CONSIDER SUBJECT BIENNUELY AND AN EXPERT ON SLAVERY WILL BE ADDED TO SECT STAFF. VOTE ON TOTAL RES: 18 (US) - 0 - 2. NETTEL (AUSTRIA) WHO HAD CONSIDERED VOTING TO TERMINATE WG, EXPLAINED VOTE IN FAOVR AS REACTION TO DETERMINATIONS MADE IN PRIVATE SESSION WHICH REDUCES SC EFFECTIVENESS AND LEAVES FEW TASKS FOR THE GROUP TO PERFORM.

11. AGENDA ITEM 7(DOC. E/CN.4/SUB.2/L.652) THE

HISTORICAL AND CURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. RES ON SITUATION OF REFUGEES IN WESTERN SAHARA. KHALIFA, SUSPICIOUS OF WHAT WAS BEHIND RES, SAID IT SHOULD FALL UNDER ITEM 8. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE SAHARA ISSUE WAS LEGAL AND NOT A MATTER OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION WERE SEPARATE ISSUES, THE LATTER BEING POLITICAL. HE REQUESTED THAT DOCUMENT BE WITHDRAWN OR PLACED UNDER ITEM 8; ALSO DELETION OF PREAMBULAR PARA 3 REFERRING TO GA RES 3458 (XXX). HE WAS SUPPORTED BY BOUDHIBA (TUNISIA).

12. FOLLOWING A MEETING BETWEEN OPPOSING SIDES, CASSESE (ITALY) ANNOUNCED THAT CO-SPONSORS AGREED TO THE DEMANDS OF KHALIFA AND BOUDHIBA AND WOULD DELETE ALL REFERENCES TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

13. MOROCCAN OBSERVER MADE INTERVENTION AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME PEOPLE IN SAHARA ARE LIVING IN CAMPS BUT THEY LIVE IN PEACE AND LIBERTY.

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